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SUBJECT: SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM VISITS BRUSSELS

1. UN SEC GEN KURT WALDHEIM VISITED BRUSSELS FEBRUARY 3-4 AS PART OF TOUR OF EUROPEAN AND MIDDLE EAST CAPITALS. HE MET WITH BELGIAN PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS, FOREIGN MINISTER VAN ELSLANDE AND EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT ORTOLI. HE ALSO WAS RECEIVED IN JOINT SESSION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEES OF SENATE AND CHAMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES, WAS HOSTED AT DINNER BY TINDEMANS, AND RECEIVED HONORARY DOCTORATE FROM UNIVERSITY OF LOUVAIN.

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2. PRESS CONFERENCE BY WALDHEIM FEBRUARY 4 CENTERED MAINLY ON MIDDLE EAST AND ON THIRD WORLD MAJORITY IN UNGA. WALDHEIM REFUSED TO BE DRAWN IN TO STATING PREFERENCE FOR APPROACH TO SOLUTION IN MIDDLE EAST. PRESS QUOTES HIM AS FOLLOWS: "WE MUST AWAIT THE RESULTS OF THE TRIP THAT THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE IS GOING TO UNDERTAKE SOON TO THE MIDDLE EAST. WE WILL THEN HAVE A BETTER APPRECIATION OF THE POSSIBILITIES FOR SOLVING THE CONFLICT. AS FOR THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, IT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE EITHER BY FORMALIZING THE RESULTS OBTAINED THROUGH 'QUIET DIPLOMACY' OR, IN CASE OF FAILURE OF THE LATTER, IN SEEKING SOLUTIONS ITSELF THROUGH MULTILATERAL DISCUSSIONS." COMMENTING ON IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING UN FORCES IN SINAI AND GOLAN HEIGHTS, WALDHEIM NOTED THAT PERIOD OF EXPIRATION OF MANDATES FOR UN FORCES IN APRIL AND MAY WOULD BE PARTICULARLY EXPLOSIVE AND PERIOD WHEN TENSION MUST ESPECIALLY BE AVOIDED. HE SAID THAT, AFTER MEETING WITH ISRAEL AND ARAB LEADERS, HE WAS PERSUADED THAT THERE IS WILL ON BOTH SIDES FOR POLITICAL SOLUTION TO CRISIS, BUT BOTH SIDES ARE ALSO PREPARED TO RECOMMENCE HOSTILITIES AND FAILURE OF NEGOTIATIONS COULD BRING CATASTROPHE.

3. FURTHER ON MIDDLE EAST, WALDHEIM STRESSED TWO POINTS. FIRST, PALESTINIAN PROBLEM PLAYS CRUCIAL ROLE IN NEGOTIATIONS AND MUST ABSOLUTELY BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. SECOND, WESTERN EUROPE AND PARTICULARLY EC NINE CAN PLAY ACTIVE ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND IT IS TIME THEY DO SO. THIS EFFORT COULD BE MADE IN SEARCHING FOR SOLUTION TO ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT AND EXERCISING INFLUENCE ON BOTH SIDES.

4. REGARDING UNITED NATIONS, WALDHEIM DENIED THAT THIRD WORLD NATIONS HAVE BEEN AUTOMATICALLY EXERCISING MAJORITY IN SINGLE DIRECTION IN UNGA. HE MAINTAINED THAT MAJORITIES HAVE NOT BEEN MECHANICAL BUT HAVE CHANGED ACCORDING TO PROBLEM UNDER CONSIDERATION. THUS OF FOUR PRINCIPAL QUESTIONS BEFORE LAST UNGA (PALESTINE, SOUTH AFRICA, KOREA, CAMBODIA), THIRD WORLD VOTED TWICE IN DIRECTION DESIRED BY WEST. WALDHEIM UNDERLINED IMPORTANCE OF UNDERSTANDING IMPATIENCE OF THIRD WORLD NATIONS TO ATTAIN EQUALITY WITH INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES. HE DECLARED HIMSELF CONVINCED THAT NEW ECONOMIC ORDER WHICH TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION REAL SITUATION OF WORLD IS NECESSARY AND THAT IT UNCLASSIFIED

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MUST BE ARRIVED AT BY COOPERATION RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION. QUESTIONED ABOUT ALLEGED THREAT BY SECRETARY KISSINGER TO USE FORCE AGAINST OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES, WALDHEIM EXPRESSED CONVICTION THAT SECRETARY WAS SPEAKING OF PURELY HYPOTHETICAL SITUATION AND WAS NOT VOICING REAL THREAT.

5. SUBJECT OF THIRD WORLD MAJORITY IN UN ALSO CAME UP DURING WALDHEIM'S WORKING SESSION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER VAN ELSLANDE

FEBRUARY 3. ACCORDING TO PRESS, VAN ELSLANDE DEMURRED AT  
WALDHEIM'S ARGUMENT REGARDING LACK OF AUTOMATICITY IN EX-  
ERCISING MAJORITY. HE NOTED THAT DEBATE ON PROPOSAL FOR CHARTER  
ON ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES HAD BEEN CUT OFF  
ARBITRARILY BY THIRD WORLD MAJORITY AND THAT BELGIUM MIGHT HAVE  
BEEN ABLE TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF CHARTER IF DEBATE HAD CONTINUED.  
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